

Gold Hill Lutheran Church Council
Minutes – May 12, 2020

The Zoom meeting of the council was opened at 6:30 by Mike Lawson. The following were present via internet: Mike Lawson, President; Curt Quist, Administration Director; Revonda Stordahl, Treasurer; Peggy Graving, Secretary; Dale Schultz, Outreach Ministry; Chris Ketchum, Worship Ministry; Lynn Aniksdal, Leadership Ministry; Julie Corbin, Spiritual Ministry; and Pastor Trina Johnsten.

The devotions were given by Pastor Trina. She read an excerpt from a sermon by Rev. Michael K Marsh from his blog Interpreting the Silence on the gospel lesson for the 5th Sunday of Easter. It began with the 14th Chapter of John, first verse. It says, “Do not let your hearts be troubled.”

The minutes for the March council meeting, the special meeting on March 18th and the special zoom meeting on April 26th were moved to be accepted by Julie, seconded by Lynn. The motion passed.

Revonda reported that we are under budget by \$8600 and under expenses by \$14000. This leaves our net income at \$2500. Expenses incurred in April included offering envelopes for next year and the quarterly payment to the synod. There was no Portico payment because it was overpaid previously, and we had a credit. Peggy moved, Julie seconded, and the motion passed to accept the financial report.

Pastor’s Report: Pastor had emailed everyone the exit interview questions and answers. Mike commented that the report was well done and thanked Trina for her feedback. Her exit interview is in the office.

Reports of Council Members:

Mike reported that obviously we were not meeting in person, but because of the need to be careful we are having the zoom meeting. He reported that Sharon Engh has passed away and that Jim Engh was back home after being in the hospital. He reminded everyone to keep their six- foot distance and to wear your masks.

Curt reported that the PPP has not yet gone through. He is working with the fourth bank to see if it can be completed. The application is complete, but the banks have had trouble submitting the application. If granted the loan would be in the amount of \$16000. Mark Rule’s firm is assisting in getting this completed free of charge. Curt has emailed the initial list of things we will need to do to the committee for their thoughts. He hopes to meet at the church later this week. Pastor Trina recommended contacting the Anglican Church in Butte. They have opened and completed the work for the county. They are similar in size and may be able to help simplify our process. We will need to begin putting together the specifications for a new janitor and begin a search.

Lynn reported that she has addressed all the items on Pastor Trina’s list and that with the help of Petes’ Posse things will be taken care of. She has contacted the cleaning firm of Empty Nesters and they are going to come over and give an estimate for cleaning next week. Lynn reported that she got another estimate for the roof. The first estimate was \$47,000 and the new estimate is \$32,000. There is more damage to the roof and thinks it needs to get done. Lynn suggested that the money in the budget for repairing the water sprinkling system may need to be used for the roof. Curt reported that the insurance company estimated the cost of reroofing to be \$15,000 and sent an initial check of \$8291. After Curt read the letter from the insurance company it was decided that he should go back to the insurance company and show them the estimates and have them reevaluate what they feel they can do for us.

Lynn will email the estimates to Curt. We will wait to hear what the insurance company decides before we proceed. Lynn has been contacted by the ladies who plant flowers to turn on the water system. She

asked if she and Alan could go into the church and check out the system. There was no problem with them going in and checking the water sprinkling system, but council members felt that she could wait a few more weeks to turn the water on. Lynn addressed the thought by Pastor that the internet in the parsonage is a necessity and not a luxury and should be paid by the church. After discussion Dale moved, Lynn seconded, and the motion passed to provide allowance for the internet service in the parsonage. Lynn mentioned that the Leachs had been working with her and Alan on the church lawn and flower beds. Chris reported that she shared with her committee via email the decision on not reopening the church for services until Phase Two. She informed them that the county guidelines would be reviewed and changes in worship were going to be needed.

Julie is working with Stephanie Stodden at Gloria Dei regarding the joint Vacation Bible School. They had to cancel the June dates and are waiting to hear about the implementation of Phase Two before scheduling a date with FLBC for July or August.

Dale had nothing to report.

New Business: Pastor Carrels has been doing services using radio broadcasting and is excited about finding a way to have a church service if we are not yet able to open when he arrives. Pastor Trina let him know that there is a drive-in movie theater in Butte.

Old Business: Peggy reported that she is working on the bios that individuals are sending her. She encouraged the council to get theirs completed and to her.

Curt added that the Aakers are leaving on Thursday am. If you want to say your goodbyes do it tomorrow. They will be in Butte in July.

Council closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.